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HOUSE BILL 3296
By Cole (Dyer)

AN ACT to amend Chapter 80 of the Private Acts of 1993; and any other acts amendatory thereto, relative to election of a mayor and aldermen for the City of Bells.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Chapter 80 of the Private Acts of 1993, and any other acts amendatory thereto, is amended by deleting such section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 5. On the first Saturday in May, 2001, a nonpartisan, at-large general municipal election, open to all electors, shall be conducted by the county election commission to elect a Mayor and five (5) Aldermen for a term of four (4) years. The persons elected and qualified shall assume office at the first meeting of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen after the election. The Mayor and Aldermen then so elected and qualified shall hold their offices until the next regular election which shall be four (4) years therefrom, and the regular election thereafter shall be on the first Saturday in May every four (4) years after the first Saturday in May, 2001. All officers so elected shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and qualified. Any qualified voter, who is at

least twenty-one (21) years of age and has been a resident of the City of Bells for at least two (2) years may be qualified as a candidate for the position of Mayor or Alderman.

SECTION 2. This act shall have no effect unless it is approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the legislative body of the City of Bells. Its approval or nonapproval shall be proclaimed by the presiding officer of the legislative body and certified to the secretary of state.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of approving or rejecting the provisions of this act, it shall be effective upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, it shall become effective as provided in Section 2.